GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1086
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CREATION OF WELFARE CORPUS FUND
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to create Welfare Corpus Fund forjournalists who were killed, maimed or injured on duty while covering war, terrorism and violence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have explored the sources from where such funds are proposed to be provided;

(d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the total amount of the corpus; and

(e) the time by which the proposed Welfare Fund is likely to become effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): This matter is being examined.

(e) The time frame cannot be stated at this stage.